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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

William A. White III et al. Application No.: 10/086,474

Confirmation No.: 2115

Filed On: March 1, 2002

For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR OPTIMAL

SETTING OF MESSAGE ACCEPTANCE

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Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner For Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

## REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED AUGUST 8, 2005

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of August 8, 2005. A shortened statutory period of three months has been set for response, making this Reply due on November 8, 2005. Therefore, this Reply is considered timely. Reconsideration of the referenced application, including all pending claims, is respectfully requested in light of the amendments and the remarks set forth below.

This Amendment and Reply is being submitted in a form which complies with revised 37 C.F.R. 1.121. Accordingly, all pending claims are identified by number and appropriate status identifier.

Please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.

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## AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified Application. Applicants are other than a small entity. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 apply. Applicants believe that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that Applicants have inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies in these fees to Deposit Account No. 23-0280. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

No additional fee for the Amendment is required. The fee for the Amendment has been calculated as shown below:

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Independent	2	_	2	=	0		x \$100=	\$		x \$200=	\$
☐ First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claims							x \$180=	\$		x \$360=	\$
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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-0280. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

Any filing fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 for the presentation of extra Claims. X

Respectfully submitted,

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## CERTIFICATE UNDER (37 C.F.R. § 1.8a)

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